(c) if so, what are the Designations, Pay Scales and minimum qualifications required for the appointment of the officials mentioned in (a) and (b) above?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI K. C. LENKA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) If animal slaughtered illegally is found fit for human consumption, the same is released after charging composition fee. If meat is found unfit for human consumption, the same is destroyed by the mobile squad in their presence.

(c) The designation of the officials is Assistant Veterinary Surgeon and their pay scale is Rs. 2000 to Rs. 3500. The minimum qualification for appointment of these officials is Bachelor of Veterinary Science and Animal Husbandry.

Functioning of Zonal Office (WC) of CPWD

1735. SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the item regarding improvement in the functioning of Zonal Offices (WC) of CPWD is pending in the Departmental Council (JCM);

(b) whether it is also a fact that *status quo* should be maintained on an item till the matter is pending in the National or Departmental Council (JCM);

(c) if so, whether it is also a fact that the Ministry/Department has decided to keep the post of Zonal Officer (WC), New Delhi vacant and has issued orders that G.P.F. accounts of the workers should not be sent to Zonal Officer (WC) with effect from April, 1991; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) and (b) Yes.

(c) and (d) No decision has been taken as such to keep the post of Zonal Officer (Workcharge) vacant. Decision to transfer the GPF accounts of the workcharged staff to their respective divisions from Zonal office at Delhi has been taken with a view to mitigate the hardships of the workers themselves. DGW, CPWD had appointed a Departmental Committee to go into the said question and it was on the recommendation of this Committee that the above decision was taken.

Development of inland fisheries

1736. SHRI RAM NARESH YADAV: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state the various programmes for development of inland fisheries and achievements as a result thereof during the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI MULLAPALIY RAMACHANDRAN): The major programme for development of inland fisheries are setting up to Fish Farmers' Development Agencies (FFDAs), construction of national fish seed farms/hatcheries, setting up of pilot project to utilise organic waste (sewage) for fish culture and integrated brackish water fish farm development.

In the last three years 178 FFDAs have been sanctioned out of total 365 FFDAs approved so far for establishment in various States. The FFDAs have brought 0.97 lakh ha. of tanks and ponds under improved fish culture and trained 1.43 lakh fish farmers during the last three years, out of the total area of 2.83 lakh ha. covered and 3.31 lakh fish farmers trained, respectively by FFDAs so far since inception of the scheme. The average productivity from tanks and ponds during the last three years has increased from 1330 kg./ha./annum in 1987-88 to 1905 kg./ha./annum in 1990-91. Nine commercial fish seed farms/hatcheries have been completed during the last three years under the national programme for fish seed development.

One pilot project has been completed in the last three years out of six pilot projects sanctioned to utilise organic